

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable terminal which prestores first and second identification information to limit the use of a particular portable data storage medium, ~~which that~~ prestores third and fourth identification information, said portable terminal comprising:

first determining means for comparing the third identification information stored in the data storage medium with the first identification information stored in the portable terminal, and for determining based on a result of the comparison whether access to the data storage medium is allowed; and

second determining means, responsive to said first determining means determining that the access to the data storage medium is allowed, for reading the fourth identification information prestored in the data storage medium, for comparing ~~this the~~ read information with the second identification information prestored in the terminal, and for determining based on a result of ~~the last mentioned~~ said comparison whether access to data in the data storage medium is allowed;

wherein the data storage medium further prestores a software application corresponding to the fourth identification information;

wherein the portable terminal further comprises means, responsive to said second determining means determining that the

25 access to the data storage medium is allowed and responsive to
the terminal being instructed to start up the software
application, for comparing the fourth identification information
corresponding to the software application with the second
identification information, and for starting up the software
application based on a result of said comparison;

30 wherein the data storage medium further prestores a data
file accessible through the software application; and

wherein the portable terminal further comprises means
for accessing the data file based on the starting up of the
software application stored in the data storage medium.

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Claims 2-21 (Canceled).

22. (New) A system comprising:

a portable data storage medium; and

a portable terminal to which the data storage medium is
connectable;

5 wherein the portable data storage medium has stored thereon
a plurality of software applications operable on the portable
terminal, a data file created by each of the software
applications, a hardware identification code for identifying the
data storage medium, a plurality of software identification codes
10 for the plurality of software applications, respectively, and a

plurality of user passwords for specifying a plurality of users,
respectively, that are able to use the data storage medium,

wherein the portable terminal comprises a non-rewritable
storage area in which a hardware identification code for
specifying the portable terminal and a plurality of software
15 identification codes each for identifying available software
applications are stored, and a rewritable storage area; and

wherein the portable terminal further comprises:

means, responsive to a power supply being turned on
20 when the portable data storage medium has been connected to the
portable terminal, for reading the hardware identification code
stored on the data storage medium and then determining whether or
not the read hardware identification code matches the hardware
identification code stored in the non-rewritable storage area of
25 the portable terminal;

a)
means, responsive to determining that the read identi-
fication code matches, for determining whether or not a password
inputted by a user who operates the portable terminal matches any
one of the plurality of passwords for specifying the plurality of
30 users, respectively, stored in the data storage medium;

means, responsive to determining that the inputted
password matches, for allowing the user to select any desired one
of the plurality of software applications stored on the data
storage medium;

35 means, responsive to the user selecting the desired
application software, for reading from the data storage medium a
software identification code corresponding to the selected
software application, and for determining whether or not the
software identification code matching the read software
40 identification code is stored in the non-rewritable storage area
of the portable terminal; and

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45 means, responsive to determining that the matching
software identification code is stored, for starting up the
selected software application stored on the data storage medium,
and for storing on the data storage medium a data file created by
operation of that application software as a data file
corresponding to that application software.

23. (New) The system according to claim 22, wherein:
the portable data storage medium further stores basic
software for driving the portable terminal; and
the portable terminal is responsive to the power source
5 being turned on to thereby be operated by the basic software for
reading the hardware identification information from the data
storage medium, and for determining whether or not the read
hardware identification information matches the hardware
identification information stored on the portable terminal.

24. (New) A system comprising:

a portable storage medium;

a portable terminal to which the portable storage medium is connectable; and

5 a server that writes various codes and software to the data storage medium and the portable terminal;

wherein the server comprises:

means for storing hardware identification code unchangeably on the portable terminal and the portable data
10 storage medium in order to set the portable terminal and the portable data storage medium in corresponding relationship;

a1 means for storing on the portable terminal unchangeably a software identification code corresponding to a software application to be operated on the portable terminal; and

15 means for storing on the portable data storage medium a plurality of software applications operating on the portable terminal, a plurality of data files created by the plurality of software applications, respectively, a plurality of software identification codes for the plurality of software applications,
20 respectively, and a plurality of user passwords for specifying a plurality of users, respectively, who are able to use the data storage medium.
